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Six to Join Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame

Charleston W.Va. -- The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame (WVAFHF) Foundation will recognize six individuals for their outstanding contributions to the agricultural, forestry and family life of West Virginia. These individuals will be honored at the annual banquet at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill on Saturday, July 13. A reception will start the affair at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at the WVU Jackson's Mill dining hall at 6 p.m.

"Agriculture and forestry have had a tremendous impact on our state. Folks, like the six being honored, have helped lay these industries' foundations. Honoring their ontributions is the least we can do," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

Chartered in 1974, the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame honors West Virginians who have made outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement and improvement of agricultural and forest industries in West Virginia and around the world. The nonprofit, nonpartisan foundation maintains a regional agricultural museum at WVU Jackson's Mill, which preserves historical records and memorabilia that have shaped the state's agriculture and forestry industries.

2019 Enshrinees:

Linda O. Carnell (Mineral County)
Dr. Betty Crickard McCartney (Monongalia County)
Gary W. Gibson (Kanawha County)
Charles "Chuck" Hunter (Monongalia County)
Russel T. Linger, Jr. (Randolph County)
Thomas Snyder (Braxton County)

The WVAFHF Banquet is open to the public and tickets are \$35 each. The deadline for reservations is July 3. Tickets can be purchased from:

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The West Virginia Department of Agriculture protects plant, animal and human health through a variety of scientific, regulatory and consumer protection programs. The Commissioner of Agriculture is one of six statewide elected officials who sits on the Board of Public Works.

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